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AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (POSTHUMOUSLY)

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as supplemented, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to:

Private First Class Loyd D Beckner, 32688753, Infantry (Armd), Company A, 610th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in the vicinity of Aachen, France, on 10 December 1944. During the attack on Aachen on 10 December 1944, friendly troops were subjected to the intense fire of a well-concealed hostile tank and were temporarily held up in their advance. Finding it impossible to bring counter-fire on the enemy vehicle, a Company A tank destroyer crew, of which Private First Class Beckner was a member, drove their tank destroyer to the edge of a nearby woods and, dismounting, the crew moved forward on foot under concentrations of tree bursts to successfully clear a path through the dense undergrowth. Then, bringing accurate fire upon the enemy tank, scored two direct hits and the hostile vehicle burst into flames. His courage under fire, strong initiative and loyal devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Beckner and the armed forces of the United States.